GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS FROM OPEN MARKET
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrain is procured from open market instead of directly procuring from the farmers in some States;

(b) if so, the State-wise, details thereof;

(c) whether the sale of foodgrains is in distress in these States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No. Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Reports of distress sale of foodgrains have been received during the Rabi and KharifMarketing Season 2001-2002 from some States like Andhra pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh,Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. However, investigations revealed that only non-FAQ variety of foodgrains were sold below the Minimum Support Price (MSP).

(d): Before the start of each marketing season, States are requested, inter alia, to openControl room for dealing with complaints of distress sale of foodgrains.

As and when a complaint of distress sale is received, the same is forwarded to FCI/StateGovernment for taking necessary corrective measures.